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SUBJECT: RHODESIA - ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

JOINT STATE/AID MESSAGE

1. FOLLOWING RECENT BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH UK AND IN
CONTEXT SECRETARY'S AFRICA VISIT, BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE
INITIATE INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS HMG WITH REGARD DEVELOPMENT
AND EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE THAT U.S. MAY EVENTUALLY WISH
CONSIDER FOR A MAJORITY RULED RHODESIA.

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2. REQUEST EMBASSY TAKE FOLLOWING STEPS THIS REGARD:

A) DETERMINE WHETHER FOREIGN OFFICE HAD SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS/PROGRAMS IDENTIFIED MARCH 22 WHEN THEN FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN SUGGESTED IN SPEECH TO PARLIAMENT THAT BRITAIN, WITH OTHER NATIONS, MIGHT CONSIDER PROVIDING DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO RHODESIA IF CERTAIN CONDITIONS WERE MET.

B) DISCUSS WITH ODM PROBABLE UK COURSES OF ACTION WITH REGARD ASSISTANCE FOR RHODESIA IN EVENT EITHER PRECIPITOUS

OR PEACEFUL EVOLUTION TO MAJORITY RULE.

C) IN COURSE INVESTIGATIONS A/B ABOVE, AND IN ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE CONTEXT (E.G. COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT), SEEK ASSESSMENT STATE OF AVAILABLE INFORMATION THAT MIGHT BE USEFUL IN DEFINING COUNTRY DEVELOPMENT PROFILE AGAINST WHICH U.S. ASSISTANCE ALTERNATIVES, IN COORDINATION WITH UK AND OTHER DONORS, MIGHT BE ASSESSED.

3. STATE/AID CURRENTLY UNDERTAKING RECONNAISSANCE OF INFORMATION SOURCES AND PLAN CONSTRUCT PROFILE WHICH TAKES ACCOUNT LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL BUT WHICH ALSO WOULD BE USEFUL IN PROJECTING POSSIBLE EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS IN EVENT PRECIPITOUS TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE. IN THIS REGARD, HMG SHOULD BE ASSURED U.S. NOT SEEKING DISPLACE EITHER UK INITIATIVE OR RESPONSIBILITY. RATHER, U.S. SIMPLY ATTEMPTING PREPARE RESPOND IN TIMELY MANNER TO EITHER DEVELOPMENT OR EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS AS THEY MIGHT EMERGE FROM CURRENT SITUATION. U.S. WOULD WELCOME ASSISTANCE/DIRECTION/CONSULTATION WITH UK IN CONSTRUCTING COUNTRY PROFILE AND ASSESSING ASSISTANCE ALTERNATIVES.

4. EVEN PRIOR RESOLUTION CURRENT SITUATION AND MAJORITY RULE, STATE/AID PREPARED TENDER EDUCATIONAL/TRAINING ASSISTANCE TO AFRICAN NATIONALS OF RHODESIA. AID PLANNING AUTHORIZE INITIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM THROUGH AFRICAN-AMERICAN INSTITUTE IN MAY AND PLANS FOLLOW INITIAL GRANT WITH BROADER BASED HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN CONFIDENTIAL

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EARLY FY 1977. WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON UK PROGRAMS FOR RHODESIAN STUDENTS (E.G. ESTIMATES OF MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS, UK PRIORITIES/PRINCIPLES WITH TRAINING PROGRAMS, STRUCTURE AND CRITERIA FOR U.K. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS FOR RHODESIAN STUDENTS ETC.) AND INDICATION WILLINGNESS DISCUSS SAME WITH AID REP EARLY THIS SUMMER IN LONDON.

5. APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSISTANCE PARAS 1-4 ABOVE. SISCO

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